

House Resolution 1777

By: Representative Loudermilk of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, as an organization of
4 volunteers to assist the United States military in national defense by performing aerial coastal
5 patrols and emergency services within the continental United States; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1943 the capabilities of this new volunteer organization were recognized as
7 vital to national defense, and by Presidential Executive Order, the Civil Air Patrol was
8 assigned to the War Department and was subsequently chartered by Congress to perform
9 three distinct missions - emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol consists of over 1,800 volunteer
11 members in 42 squadrons and six groups located throughout this state; and

12 WHEREAS, members of the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol have consistently
13 volunteered their services, time, and resources to serve as an intricate component of our
14 national defense by conducting missions in homeland security, counter drug, disaster relief,
15 and search and rescue; and

16 WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol air and ground teams perform over 90 percent of inland search
17 and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center; and

18 WHEREAS, qualified aircrews were deployed to take aerial reconnaissance photos of flood
19 damage in northwest Georgia in September, 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia Wing squadrons have been awarded the National Squadron of
21 Distinction in 2008 and 2009; and

22 WHEREAS, the estimated value of the Georgia Wing members' volunteer hours in 2009 was
23 \$4.2 million; and

24 WHEREAS, these "flying minutemen" of the Civil Air Patrol have, since its inception,
25 consistently provided this state with invaluable emergency services, aerospace education, and
26 cadet programs.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize the selfless contributions the volunteers of the Civil Air
29 Patrol have made to the State of Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Southeast Region
32 Commander Colonel James M. Rushing, Georgia Wing Commander Colonel Tonya R.
33 Boylan, and Georgia Wing Chief of Staff Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Knight III.